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SUBJ: MAGNESITE SHIPMENT FOR NORTH AMERICAN REFRACTORY (NAR)

REF A, STATE 160202; B, ATHENS 4871

1. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED BOTH COMMERCE AND COORDINATION AND PROGRAMMI  
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MINISTRIES RE NAR SHIPMENT. AS REF B INDICATES (PARA 2 B) MOST  
EXPORTS (INCLUDING MAGNESITE) NOW SUBJECT TO ISSUANCE SPECIAL LICENSE  
BY MINISTER OF COMMERCE. POLICY LEVEL OF COMMUN NOT YET APPOINTED, AN  
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OTHER OFFICIALS UNWILLING TO APPROVE ON OWN AUTHORITY NUMEROUS PENDIN  
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EXPORT APPLICATIONS. APPOINTMENT OF NEW MINISTER EXPECTED SHORTLY AN  
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SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO EARLY RESOLUTION THIS AND SIMILAR ISSUES.

2. SHIPPING AGENT HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT COMPANY AVAILING ITSELF  
OF ESCAPE CLAUSE NAR AGREEMENT, AND ELMELA(WHICH NOT IN GREEK WATERS)  
BEING MADE AVAILABLE FOR CHARTER ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.

3. PANHELLENIC EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED JULY 24 SELECTION COMM  
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TO EXAMINE EXPORTERS' PROBLEMS ARISING FROM CYPRUS CRISIS, AND TO LEA  
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EFFORT TO EXPEDITE EXPORTS OF COMMODITIES WHICH ARE NON-ESSENTIAL TO  
MOBILIZATION EFFORT. PRESIDENT OF COMMITTEE IS MICHAEL SCALISTIRI,  
HEAD OF SCALISTIRI GROUP AND NAR'S SUPPLIER. SCALISTIRI MAKING

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VIGOROUS EFFORT TO SECURE PERMITS FOR HIS SHIPMENTS TO US AND

OTHER MARKETS.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE NEW MINISTER OF COMMERCE WILL WANT  
TO SEE SUCH EXPORTS RESUMED AND EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE  
TO FOLLOW MATTER CLOSELY.

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